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PATENT

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Subclass:

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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): Kyle R. Allen; Lynn W. Allen

For (title): Rise Assist Apparatus

1. Type of Application

This application is for a continuation.

2. Benefit of Prior U.S. Applications (35 U.S.C. §§ 119(e), 120, or 121)

The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. applications. Enclosed are ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATIONS CLAIMED.

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3. Papers Enclosed

- A. Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. § 1.153 (Design) Application
 - 8 Page(s) of Specification
 - 1 Page(s) of Claims
 - 7 Sheet(s) of Drawing(s)--Formal

B. Other Papers Enclosed

1 Page(s) of abstract

4. Declaration or Oath

Not Enclosed.

Application is made by a person authorized under 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c) on behalf of all of the above-named inventors.

5. Inventorship Statement

The inventorship for all the claims in this application is the same.

6. Language

English

7. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)

Regular Application

| CLAIMS AS FILED | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------|-------|--------------|---|---|------|----|--------|--|----|------|
| Total Claims (37 C.F.R § 1.16(c)) | Number l | Filed | Number Extra | | | Rate | | | Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a) \$770.00 | | |
| | 1 | _ | 20 | = | 0 | x | \$ | 18.00 | = | \$ | 0.00 |
| Independent Claims (37 C.F.R § 1.16(b)) | 1 | _ | 3 | = | 0 | x | \$ | 86.00 | = | \$ | 0.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R § 1.16(d)) | | | | | | | \$ | 290.00 | | \$ | 0.00 |

Filing Fee Calculation

\$770.00

8. Assertion of Small Entity Status

Applicant hereby asserts status as a small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27. Status as a small entity was asserted in the prior application 10/436,639 filed on May 13, 2003 from which benefit is being claimed for this application under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) and which status as a small entity is still proper and asserted for this application.

Filing Fee Calculation (50% of above Filing Fee Calculation)

\$385.00

9. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time

Not Enclosed

No filing fee is to be paid at this time.

10. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees

The Office is hereby authorized to charge, in the manner shown above (15-0450), the following additional fees that may be required by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application.

37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a), (f) or (g) (filing fees)

37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e) (surcharge for filing the basic filing fee and/or declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application)

11. Instructions as to Overpayment

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ADDED PAGES FOR APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATIONS CLAIMED (37 C.F.R. § 1.78)

12. Relate Back

Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line following the title, the following sentence:

A. 35 U.S.C. Sections 120, 121 and 365(c)

"This application is a is a continuation of copending application of copending application Application number 10/436,639 filed on May 13, 2003."

13. Maintenance of Copendency of Prior Application

A. Conditional Petition for Extension of Time in Prior Application

A conditional petition for extension of time is being filed in the pending **prior** application.

14. Further Inventorship Statement Where Benefit of Prior Application(s) Claimed

(a) This application discloses and claims only subject matter disclosed in the prior application whose particulars are set out above and the inventors in this application are the same.

15. Abandonment of Prior Application

Please abandon the prior application at a time while the prior application is pending, or when the petition for extension of time or to revive in that application is granted, and when this application is granted a filing date, so as to make this application copending with said prior application.

16. Small Entity (37 C.F.R. § 1.28(a))

Applicant has established small entity status by the filing of a statement in parent application 10/436,639 on May 13, 2003.

17. NOTIFICATION IN PARENT APPLICATION OF THIS FILING

A notification of the filing of this continuation is being filed in the parent application, from which this application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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Application No.: 10/436,639

Group No.: 3677

Filed: May 13, 2003

Examiner: Mitchell, K.

For: Rise Assist Apparatus

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CONDITIONAL PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME IN PARENT CASE THAT IS TO BE ABANDONED WHEN FILING NEW APPLICATION CLAIMING ITS BENEFIT

1. This conditional petition is being filed along with the separately filed continuation application and provides for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need or a petition and fee for extension of time.

A copy of this petition is being filed with the papers constituting the filing of the separately filed application.

If any extension of time for the accompanying response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

2. Status

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(a) and 1.10*

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This application is on behalf of a small entity.

The statement is already filed in parent application. This status is still proper and its benefit under 37 CFR 1.28(a) is hereby claimed.

3. Authorization for payment of fees

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (a) to (d) that may be required by this Conditional Petition to Deposit Account No. 15-0450.

A duplicate of this Conditional Petition is attached.

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